

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, line 20 to page 2, line 2, as follows:

[0004] A schematic front view of another background image forming apparatus of tandem type is shown in FIG ~~[[3]]~~ 23. The image forming apparatus includes an intermediate transfer belt 4, and a cleaning member 9 in addition to the background image forming apparatus of FIG 22. According to this structure, each transfer roller ~~[[4]]~~ 2 sequentially transfers the toner images from each image forming member 1 onto the intermediate transfer belt 4. The toner images on the intermediate transfer belt 4 are transferred onto the recording medium S in a nip between the intermediate transfer belt 4 and the conveying belt 5. Then cleaning member 9 removes the residual toner from the intermediate transfer belt 4.